

Deaths

Angie Katherine Lee

Angie Katherine Lee, 90, sister of Duane (Doris) Brown of Colby, died Friday, Sept. 9, 2011, at Crowley County Nursing Center in Ordway, Colo.

She was born June 10, 1921, to Dewey and Ruth (Hutchison) Ramey in a sod house in Grant Township, Rawlins County. After attending a one-room schoolhouse for eight years she graduated from Colby High School as a member of the National Honor Society in 1940.

On April 23, 1940, she married Ole Howard Lee. The family moved to Arriba, Colo., in the mid-1950s, owning Lee's Grocery and Locker Plant. She helped run their store, taught 4-H and Sunday school, and spent many late nights sewing Easter outfits, prom dresses and cheerleading uniforms.

She worked as a nurse's aide at Lincoln Community Hospital in Hugo, Colo., and for nine years was the secretary at Arriba Elementary. A member of the Arriba Congregational Church, she was a past president of Arriba Legion Post Ladies Auxiliary and held

volunteer positions with county and national senior service coalitions. She traveled with her husband when they retired and enjoyed painting, needlework, making baby quilts and lap robes, reading, gardening and being a grandma.

Preceding her in death were her parents, husband, two daughters, one brother, one sister and several other siblings.

Survivors also include two daughters, Becky (Bill) Lindsay, Denver; Marilyn (Jack) Mizner, Edgewood, N.M.; two sons-in-law, Larry Eberle, Matheson, Colo., and Jerry Neely, Ordway, Colo.; a sister Wanita (Ed) Kroepelin, Mayville, N.D.; nine grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Private graveside services will be held Saturday, Oct. 22, 2011, at the Arriba Cemetery. Friends are invited to join them for coffee and cookies at 2 p.m. at the church in Arriba.

Memorials are suggested to the Arriba Congregational Church, 220 Curtis St., Arriba, Colo., 80804.

Abilene Hustlers 4-H Club

The regular monthly meeting of the Abilene Hustlers 4-H Club was held Monday, Oct. 3, at the Thomas County 4-H Building. Twenty-five members answered the roll call of their favorite farm animal. Several prospective new members attended. Kaley Shields led the the club in several rounds of Old McDonald's Farm.

Installation of 2012 officers was held. They are Brenon Ziegelmeier, president; Taylor Todd, vice president; Sara Lamb, secretary; Tucker Gerstner, treasurer; Cassie Wells, reporter; Conner Heer, song leader; Hally Vaughn, recreation leader; Jory Koon and Sara Lamb,

council representatives; and Tyler Todd, historian.

After a short business meeting Taylor Todd announced the program. Sara Lamb gave a project talk on photography.

Recreation was led by Hally Vaughn. The group played Heads Up Seven Up.

The November meeting will be a Thanksgiving pot-luck at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 7.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 and refreshments were provided by the Strange and Ortner families.

— Cassie Wells, reporter

October time for focus on sudden infant death

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment and collaborating state and local organizations are encouraging communities to recognize October as Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Awareness Month. The hope is to ensure that every woman has a healthy pregnancy by getting early prenatal care and learning about safe sleep for her baby. It is important as well to have good support services and make choices that promote a healthy lifestyle for a lifetime.

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome is the sudden and unexpected death of an otherwise healthy baby. According to the most recent data from 2009, 290 Kansas infants died before their first birthdays, representing an infant mortality rate of 7 deaths per 1,000 live births. Of the 290 deaths, 39 were attributed to the syndrome and other sleep-related infant deaths, or 13.4 percent of the infant deaths. This makes sleep-related deaths the third highest cause of death among Kansas infants.

"This is why it is especially important for everyone to follow the safe sleep recommendations," said Robert Moser, Department of

Health secretary and state health officer. "The ABCs of safe sleep — Alone, on their Back and in their Crib."

The syndrome is most common for infants two to four months of age who appear healthy, but die without warning during sleep. Since the Back to Sleep Campaign, deaths have decreased by about 50 percent. With the Back to Sleep campaign, we learned babies who sleep on their tummies are at five times greater risk and babies placed on their tummies to sleep who usually sleep on their backs are at an increased rate of 18 times greater risk. Local research also found that 67 percent of the infants diagnosed with the syndrome are found unresponsive in unsafe sleeping environments, i.e. not on their backs, in adult beds and in smoking environments.

"I ask you to join us in this effort to keep our youngest, most vulnerable community members safe," said Moser.

To learn more go to www.sidsk.org, www.datacounts.net/infant\_mortality/ and www.kdheks.gov/bcyf/infant\_mortality\_campaign.htm

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Chicken Little to be in schools this week

The Wichita Children's Theatre Professional Touring Company will present Chicken Little at several area schools Thursday and Friday.

"The sky is falling!" "The sky is falling!" This musical version of the well-known tale, written by Kevin M. Reese, portrays a silly bunch of characters that help the audience learn important lessons about jumping to conclusions and the dangers of spreading rumors. The friends all rejoice in the end with a rousing finale entitled "Great Big Beautiful Sky." The group performs from

September through February in Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

Sponsored locally by the Western Plains Arts Association, there will be performances Thursday at 8:30 a.m. at Quinter Elementary, 11 a.m. at Triplains in Winona and at 3 p.m. (Central) at the Wallace County schools in Sharon Springs.

Friday's performances will be at 9 a.m. at St. Francis Elementary School, and at 1:45 p.m. at the Rawlins County Elementary School in Atwood.

Master pastelst to teach at museum in November

The Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum in Logan will be holding a four-day painting workshop with Master Pastelist Kaye Franklin Wednesday through Saturday, Nov. 2 to 5.

Franklin has instructed an oil and pastel class at the museum several times in the past decade and has been asked to return by popular demand.

She began her art career in 1975 while living in Pagosa Springs, Colo. She and her family moved to Graham, Texas, in 1979, when she began a quest for the best schools and instructors. Franklin studied at the Scottsdale Artist School and with Connecticut artist William Henry Earle.

She has received many national awards and honors that have culminated in her recognition as master pastelst, and her election to signature membership in the

Pastel Society of America and Oil Painters of America. She has taught in Canada, Mexico, England, France, Spain, Italy and the Pacific Northwest. She has been featured in numerous publications including *American Artists* magazine and *Best Pastels*.

The elements in her artwork consist of light, color and focal point. She likes working with both pastels and oils. Pastels show immediate results and they stay brilliant; oils allow you to create new colors from existing pigments. Instruction will consist of both the use of oils and pastels on varied subject matter. Classes will be from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. in the Hansen Plaza Community Room, 110 West Main, Logan.

Intermediate to advanced artists may register. Call (785) 689-4846 for information.

Hearses parade in Hell, Mich.

HELL, Mich. (AP) — A parade of hearses in the Michigan community of Hell was part of an attempt to make the record books.

The *Detroit Free Press* reports (http://bit.ly/put7ma) organizers said 51 hearses were part of the

procession west of Detroit.

The Hell-based car club called Just Hearse 'N Around said it needed at least 50 hearses to qualify for a new Guinness World Records category of "Largest Parade of Hearses."

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Time to start in on your leaf collection

Alright, here's what I want you to do.

Next time you go to the store, buy a box of those 10-gallon black plastic trash bags. You know, the ones with the red, blue, or yellow drawstrings you see in the picture on the box. Try your best to avoid those bags with no drawstrings, even though they're a little cheaper, because you're going to need drawstrings for this project.

When you get home, find your rake, and go out and rake your leaves. If your leaves are just lying there on your lawn, put the bag on the mower and pick up the leaves in that manner, being careful not to pick up locust bean pods, small tree limbs, and children's toys. When the mower bag is filled, empty the contents into one of those 10 gallon trash bags you just bought. Fill as many bags as you possibly can, and then offer to pick up the leaves in your neighbor's yard and fill a few more bags. Store those bags of leaves in the garden shed, garage, or barn, or just stack them out by the back fence.

Then go to the phone and call the guy who takes care of lawns for some of the town's residents and ask him if he would mind hauling his next load of leaves over to your house and dump them on your garden plot. Tell that if he'll do that, it might be worth a cantaloupe to him next summer. First chance you get, scatter that load of leaves evenly over the garden and plow them under, as deeply as you can. Or call the kid down the street who owns a rototiller and have him do the job for you.

Wow! You have your garden put to bed for the winter, plus you have 10 or 12 bags of nice clean leaves stored away to use for mulching next spring's crop of potatoes, cu-



Kay Melia

- The Gardener

cumbers and tomatoes. Actually, you're way ahead of most of us who may still be waiting for the leaves to fall. The timing of the above procedure can vary from 10 to 20 days and still achieve the same result.

But do it. If not next week, then anytime before the ground freezes, which which is generally sometime between Dec. 10 and 20 in our area. Plowing under leaves in your garden in the fall does so much to add to the texture of the soil in which you will entrust your seeds next spring. You'll be amazed at the new workability. It doesn't have to be leaves — any kind of material such as straw, old hay, or dry manure plowed into your garden this fall will biodegrade during the winter months due to the freezing and thawing process.

The job needs to be done just as soon as you can clear your plot of the old tomato vines, the corn stalks and the expired squash vines. Burn the old tomato vines, or haul them to the landfill. But run the mower over the rest of the material including the cornstalks, and then plow it under when you can.

Everyone's garden soil must be regenerated annually in order for us to realize a bumper crop next season. Look ahead a little. Locate some leaves now. Or when they magically appear in yards everywhere. They're free. They're plentiful. But they need your help to put them in their proper place.

Blood drive over goal

The Colby Community Blood Drive Sept. 28 and 29 had 15 first-time donors on Sept. 28, making a total of 117 units. The goal was 90.

On Sept. 29, the goal was 60 units, with only 49 units given.

The total goal for the Septem-

ber drive, 150 units, was exceeded by 16 units, making it a successful drive. The award for the "Battle of the Badges" in August was presented to the emergency medical services crew.

The next drive will be Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 6 and 7.

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*God bless all those who answer our nation's call to defend our great country's freedoms!*

Vet. SSgt. Matthews USMC 3rd Recon Bn.

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